

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Anthony G. Mizzell; Stephen F. Morris; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kit Smith (Vice-Chairman Greg Pearce will take the seat as Chairman in Ms. Smith's absence).

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Tony Holden, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Marsheika Martin, Chief Harrell, Mullen Taylor, Stephany Snowden

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Jim Tuten gave the Invocation.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

On behalf of County Council, Mr. Pearce expressed condolences to Ms. Brill for the recent loss of her mother and to the family of Mr. Jim Hamilton, Airport Manager, for the loss of his son.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PROCLAMATIONS

State Constables [Meetze]

On behalf of Council, Mr. Meetze and Mr. Pearce presented proclamations commending state constables for volunteering their time with the Richland County Sheriff's Department and presented a proclamation to Sheriff Leon Lott for utilizing the constables as a resource in law enforcement.

Proclamation sponsored by Mr. McEachern

On behalf of Council, Mr. McEachern presented a proclamation commending Ms. Bernice Skinner for her tremendous efforts in community development.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Evelyn Bush wanted more information on the commissioning of code enforcement officers.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session Meeting – July 11, 2000

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Special Called Meeting – July 25, 2000

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Public Hearing – July 25, 2000

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, briefed Council on Sloan vs. Richland County and stated that an executive session is needed if Council requested more information about the case.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Public Information Officer

Mr. McSwain, County Administrator, introduced Stephany Snowden to Council as the new PIO.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

An Ordinance authorizing designation of Blue Cross/Blue Shield property as a Multi-County Business Park [THIRD READING/PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated no one signed up to speak to the public hearing.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Third Reading approval to this ordinance enabling the County to enter into a multi-county business park agreement with Fairfield County for Phase XIX consisting of property at Clemson Road and I-20. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Amendment to the Richland County Code: Animals and Fowl [THIRD READING/PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated there was one person signed up to speak "against" this item.

Mr. Vernon Kirkpatrick requested for the Council to defer this item to the Animal Control Subcommittee.

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Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this amendment, which would provide for the confidentiality of the identity of individuals who file animal nuisance complaints, to the Animal Control Subcommittee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recreation Commission: Amendment to the Bond Ordinance [THIRD READING/PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated no one signed up to speak to this item.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Third Reading approval to this amendment of the 1997 Recreation Commission Bond Ordinance, which would change the use of \$264,608.00 designated for a neighborhood park in the North Columbia area to construction of a community center at LinRick Regional Park. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Legal: Ordinance Amendment regarding Business Licenses [THIRD READING/PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated no one signed up to speak to this item.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Third Reading approval to the deletion of section 16-17c in the business License Ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Finance: Budget Amendment to Increase Mini Bottle Revenue [SECOND READING]

Mr. McSwain stated the ordinance needed to be amended to reflect "\$450,812.00 has been received."

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to give Second Reading approval to this budget amendment in the amount of \$175,812.00 for the purpose of providing funds to the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

00-031MA, Marc Hoyle, From RU to C-1, TMS 07700-03-33, 34 & 35, Monticello Road [Second Reading]

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Amendment to the Richland County Code Agricultural Burning Ordinance [PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated there were two persons signed up to speak in opposition to this item.

Mr. Vernon Kirkpatrick expressed concerns regarding this particular ordinance.

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Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to give Third Reading approval to this amendment to open burning restrictions. The vote was in favor. (Mr. Livingston opposed and wanted the record to reflect that the only reason he opposed is because of lack of notification for persons living in close proximity.)

99-025MA, Leonard Johnson, From RS-1 to C-1, TMS 07700-03-30 & 31, 933 Heyward Brockington Road

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SECOND READING ITEMS

Ordinance Amendment: Noise [PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated no one signed up to speak to the public hearing.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item until other municipalities are heard. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance Amendment: Parking in Residential Zones [PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated there was one person signed up to speak "in favor" of this item.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Amendment to the Richland County Code: Extension of the Billboard Moratorium [PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Pearce stated there was no one signed up to speak to the public hearing.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve this ordinance amendment extending the billboard moratorium to December 25, 2000. The vote in favor was unanimous.

00-41MA, William Hutto, From RU to C-3, TMS 37200-01-06, McCords Ferry Road

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this item for Second Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

FIRST READING ITEMS

Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement between Richland County and Belk

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement between Richland County and CK Columbia #1

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance authorizing an agreement for designation of Phase XX of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park by and between Richland County, South Carolina and Fairfield County, Carolina

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve this item for First Reading. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approval of purchase of road Maintenance Equipment [item was deferred]

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the purchase of three vibratory tandem rollers in the amount of \$35,580.00 from Pioneer Machinery. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Employee Grievance Committee-1

Mr. Livingston stated there was one appointment to be made to this commission. He stated that one application was received, Ms. Rhonda R. Green.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded Ms. Tillis/Mr. Mizzell, to appoint Ms. Rhonda R. Green to fill one unexpired term. The vote in favor was unanimous.

East Richland Public Service Commission-1

Mr. Livingston stated there is one appointment to be made to this Committee. He stated two applications were received.

The vote was as follows:

<u>James Van Valkenburg</u>	<u>Mary Tucker</u>
Morris	Livingston
Meetze	Mizzell
Pearce	McEachern
Brill	Scott
Tuten	Tillis

Due to a tie vote, Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to defer this item to the next Council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Planning Commission-1

Mr. Livingston stated there was one appointment to be made to this Commission. He stated there were three applicants.

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The vote was as follows:

<u>Patrick Dunbar</u>	<u>Mary Tucker</u>	<u>Doris Cochran</u>
Morris	0	0
Livingston		
Mizzell		
Meetze		
Pearce		
McEachern		
Brill		
Tuten		
Scott		
Tillis		

Mr. Patrick Dunbar was appointed to the board.

Notification of Vacancy to the Richland Memorial Hospital Board-1

Mr. Livingston reported that there was one vacancy to this board because of Mr. Samuel Glover's resignation.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. Vernon Kirkpatrick spoke of concerns of holding a public hearing at third reading.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Olympia Road Project: Ms. Amy Koon, Ms. Corena Branham, Ms. Carolyn Caraman, Ms. Doris Raynor, Mr. Billy Hilliard, Mr. Jim Boland

Ms. Alma Hall spoke of concerns regarding Sease Road.

MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Date Rescheduling [Pearce]

Mr. Pearce moved to cancel the Council Meeting on November 7th (Election Day) and reschedule it for November 14th.

Project Pet Resolution [McEachern]

Mr. McEachern requested to adopt a Resolution commending Project Pet.

Victim's Assistance Program

Mr. McEachern requested information concerning this program to be placed on the next A&F Committee agenda.

Proclamation Honoring Boys Scout/ Col. Spann Watson [Brill]

Ms. Brill requested to adopt a resolution honoring Boy Scouts David Snyder and Robert Frisina.

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Resolutions approving appointment of Code Enforcement Officers

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt this resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Susan Brill

Paul Livingston

Joseph McEachern

J.D. "Buddy" Meetze

Anthony G. Mizzell

Stephen F. Morris

Bernice G. Scott

Thelma M. Tillis

James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin